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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No. **HUG107**

Anticipated Classification of this Application:

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Subclass: \_\_\_\_\_

S/N: **Unknown**

Prior Application: **09/750, 498**

Examiner: **Fox, C.**

Art Unit: **3652**

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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for a **continuation-in-part application** filed February 17, 2004.

**INVENTORSHIP, TITLE AND SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**PICKUP TAILGATE LOADING RAMP**

the specification of which **was filed December 29, 2000 as Serial No. 09/750,498 and amended by PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT filed herewith**. A substitute specification, including new claims, is entered by PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT filed herewith.

**GEORGE M. HUGGINS, INVENTOR  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. In compliance with this duty, there is attached a copy of the information disclosure document originally filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

## **PRIORITY CLAIMS**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of the following pending United States application:

Application Serial No.:	<b>09/750,498</b>
Date Filed:	<b>December 29, 2000</b>
Title as originally filed:	<b>Pickup Tailgate Loading Ramp</b>
Title as last amended:	<b>Pickup Tailgate Loading Ramp</b>

Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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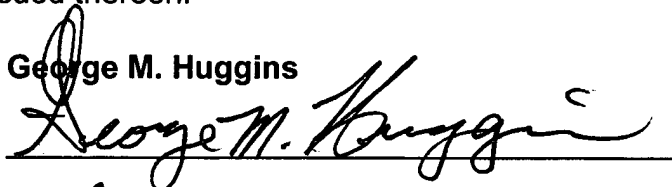
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PICKUP TAILGATE LOADING RAMP

(Title of the invention)

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